

OFFICE OF SELECTMEN

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Selectmen  
FROM: Melissa Goff, Assistant Town Administrator *MB*  
RE: **Mass DOT Winter Rapid Recovery Road Program**  
DATE: April 10, 2014

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The Governor recently announced a special grant to cities and towns to assist with the restoration of roads after the severe winter. MassDOT is issuing a one-time contract with the Town in the amount of \$144,029 for the reimbursement of specific road and road facility repairs resulting from this harsh winter. Funds must be obligated by June 30, 2014 and all projects must be completed by September 30, 2014. There is a strict "use it or lose it" rule.

Recommended Action:

VOTED: To accept a grant in the amount of \$144,029 from the Mass DOT in connection with the Winter Rapid Recovery Road Program.



Deval L. Patrick, Governor  
Richard A. Davey, Secretary & CEO

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Massachusetts Department of Transportation

April 9, 2014

Ms. Betsy DeWitt, Chairperson  
Town of Brookline  
333 Washington Street  
Brookline, MA 02445

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Dear Ms. DeWitt:

Given the extraordinary winter season the Commonwealth faced this past year and the serious toll it took on our roads, we are pleased to announce a "Winter Rapid Recovery Road" program designed to benefit all 351 cities and towns across the Commonwealth. Governor Patrick has approved \$40 million for a statewide program. We are designating \$30 million of that as direct aid, as apportioned via the Chapter 90 formula, for cities and towns and \$10 million for improvements to state roads.

MassDOT is issuing a one-time contract allowing the **Town of Brookline** the draw down of **\$144,029** for the reimbursement of specific purpose road and road facility repairs resulting from this harsh winter. Eligible projects include (a) patching of potholes, cracking and other surface defects, including paving projects, (b) repair and or replacement of signage, guardrail, storm grates, or road striping or painting, or (c) projects identified through written agreement between the MassDOT Highway Division District Office and the **Town of Brookline**.

The contract requires obligation of funds for specific projects no later than June 30, 2014 with the expectation that the projects and all related expenditures are completed by September 30, 2014. There will be no exceptions to the "use it or lose it" provisions of this agreement. The intent of the program is to help cities and towns make immediate and necessary repairs to your roadway network during this construction season.

Should you have any questions, please call Paul Jay at (857) 368-9150 or Maria Conti at (857) 368-9144

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Winter Rapid Recovery Road Program (WRRRP)  
*Rules and Regulations*  
April 9, 2014

1. **Eligible projects** include (a) patching of potholes, cracking and other surface defects, including paving projects, (b) repair and or replacement of signage, guardrail, storm grates, or road striping or painting, or (c) projects identified through written agreement between the MassDOT Highway Division District Office and the specific city or town.
2. We have enclosed **A MassDOT Standard Contract Form**. The highlighted items must be completed, signed and **returned within one week of receipt**.
3. Under the WRRRP, determination of the amount of the funds **allocated** for each city and town is based upon the parameters of the Ch 90 program; Road Miles, Population, and Employment. Please note neither the WRRRP nor any expenses incurred to be reimbursed under the WRRRP fall under the Chapter 90 program.
4. Monies for each specific city or town will be encumbered by MassDOT. This results in the monies being **obligated** on The Commonwealth's accounting system for the purpose of effecting the reimbursement of bills paid by the cities and towns for projects as delineated above.
5. Projects must be **physically completed** by June 30, 2014.
6. Copies of invoices from the communities, along with evidence of payment to **contractors, must be received** by the respective District Office State Aid Engineers by August 1, 2014. District Offices will then process the reimbursement paperwork through MassDOT Headquarters. These invoices must be clearly marked as "WRRRP Eligible." Invoices received at the District Offices after August 1 will not be reimbursed.
7. If the total amount of invoices submitted to MassDOT for the WRRRP is less than the total funds allocated, the remainder of this funding is lost and will be de-obligated. This is the "Use it or Lose it" rule.
8. Cities and Towns will be **reimbursed by September 30<sup>th</sup>** for their expenditures pertaining to the WRRRP program up to the specified amount as per the Secretary's letter of April 9<sup>th</sup>.

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